

PROPOSAL F2003-12

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Reason for changing the regulation: Based on information concerning the customary and traditional use of freshwater fish by residents of Paxson and Lake Louise.

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: The impact on freshwater fish in the Copper River drainage upstream from Haley Creek is expected to be minimal. Subsistence has a higher priority than nonsubsistence uses of Copper River freshwater fish.

Effect of change on subsistence users: This change would affect use patterns during times of shortage; at such times, Lake Louise and Paxson residents would receive priority, along with other communities with the C&T for the freshwater fish in the Copper River Drainage upstream from Haley Creek.

Communities which have used this resource: The assessment would include historic use of freshwater fish in the Copper River Drainage upstream of Haley Creek by residents of Lake Louise and Paxson.

Where the resource has been harvested: The Copper River Drainage upstream from Haley Creek.

When the resource has been harvested: Throughout the year at seasonal intervals.

Additional Information: During its deliberation of fisheries proposal # FP02-16, the Board acknowledged a minority recommendation from the Interagency Staff Committee that Lake Louise and Paxson be included in the C&T for freshwater fish in the Copper River Drainage upstream from Haley Creek. Due to their proximity to the drainage, it is reasonable to deduce that freshwater fish is also a significant resource for these two communities. The Federal Subsistence Board decided it would be most appropriate to allow full public and Regional Council review of this recommendation so that it can be considered in December 2002.

Proposed by: Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage